

## Message Text

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O R 032230Z JUL 77  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1523

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, FS, MRN SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: JULY 3 ATTACK ON NOUAKCHOTT

REF) NOUAKCHOTT 1522

1. ATTACK ON NOUAKCHOTT TAPERED OFF AROUND 2020Z AND STOPPED AG 2030Z  
CITY HAS NOW BEEN QUIET FOR TWO HOURS.
2. SPANISH AND FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHES CONFIRMED OUR OBSERVATION  
OF: (A) EXPLOSION AND BALLOONING GASOLINE FIRE 5 TO 8 KILOMETERS  
NORTH-NORTH-EAST OF NOUAKCHOTT MODWAY THROUGH ATTACK AS VEHICLE (S)  
HAD SUSTAINED DIRECT HIT (S).

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(B) INCOMING MACHINE GUN TRACERS HIT NORTH-WEST CORNER  
OF PRESIDENTIAL COMPOUND (300 METERS ACROSS SIDE STREET FROM EMBA-  
SSY);

(C) THREE OR FOUR INCOMING MORTAR ROUNDS OVERSHOT PRESIDENCY AND  
IMPACTED TOWARD TOWN PROBABLY IN EMPTY SPACES NORTH OF MAIN MOSQUE AND

AIRPORT ROAD.

3. NO HARD INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS POINT RE IDENTITY SIDE  
OR FATE OF ATTACKING FORCE.

4. COMMENT: AND EOW TO BED AFTER JULY 4 FIREWORKS COURTESY OF (PRES-  
UMABLY) POLISARIO.

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## Message Attributes

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